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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.
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**SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF THE USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT
STANDARD AGREEMENT NUMBER 11-10786 FROM THE CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR A BEACH SAFETY PROGRAM
FOR MONITORING WATER QUALITY**

This is to notify you that I am exercising the delegated authority approved by your Board on April 19, 2011, to accept and execute grants and awards from federal, State, and other public and private agencies in amounts not to exceed \$100,000 per term, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the Chief Executive Office.

Under this authority, I will accept an award from the California Department of Public Health, Standard Agreement Number 11-10786, received February 21, 2012, for the period of October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012 in the amount of \$25,000. These funds will allow the Department of Public Health Environmental Health's Beach Safety Program to continue to monitor water quality at public beaches and provide all locational data, monitoring data, and notification data, in accordance with the State Water Resources Control Board's Beach Watch Program requirements.

The Standard Agreement includes a requirement that the County obtain an insurance policy. As the County is self-insured, the State has agreed to accept the County's Certificate of Self-Funding of Insurance Obligation for its liabilities. The Standard Agreement also requires the County to indemnify the State for all claims and losses relating to the Agreement. This is a standard requirement of the State and cannot be waived. I have been advised by Risk Management and County Counsel of the risks associated with this provision. However, I believe these risks to be acceptable in light of the need for the program funds and the resulting benefit to public health.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the agreement and this delegated authority action.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

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DA #02247

c: Chief Executive Officer
Acting County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors